

# Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

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# 1) Introduction & Business Overview

Location: Pen Y Garreg Dam, Elan Valley

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### Introduction to Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

#### About us

 Dŵr Cymru Cyf. (Welsh Water) is the regulated water and sewerage company serving most of Wales and adjoining parts of England

#### **Ownership**

- Owned by Glas Cymru since 2001
- 'Not-for-shareholder-dividend' Group
- No shareholders financial surpluses are reinvested in the business resulting in a sector-leading Gearing position and utilisation of reserves to benefit customers

#### **Key Statistics**

- 5th largest company in Wales by turnover, as at 16 Dec 2020\*
- 847 mega litres of water supplied daily
- Over 3,500 people employed
- 27,733km of water mains; over 36,000km of sewers; 834 sewage treatment works; 77 impounding reservoirs, 462 service reservoirs
- RCV £6.0bn as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

#### Customer base as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

- Serving 1.5m (92%) households
- Around 110,000 (8%) business customer sites\*
- Approx. 100 business customers eligible for retail competition



## Welsh Water's Financing Structure Overview - at 30 September 2020



- Dŵr Cymru Cyf. (Welsh Water) is a regulated water and wastewater utility
- Dŵr Cymru (Financing) UK Plc. is a special purpose financing vehicle which on-lends funds to Welsh Water
- All senior financial creditors have the benefit of a common package of structured finance covenants and security over shares of Welsh Water and other companies in the event of default
- Bonds are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange
- Glas Cymru Holdings formed Commercial subsidiaries outside WBS ring-fence on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016



Note: \*£11m held at Glas Cymru Holdings Cyfyngedig level and £48m held in debt service reserve; RCF increasing to £200m in Nov-21



### Welsh Water's Key Investment Highlights







Impressive financial discipline



**Resilient performance despite Covid-19 and Brexit** 



**Strong customer service performance** 



Long-term approach to sustainability & environment

#### **Experienced management team**









# Not-for-Shareholder-Dividend Business Model



- As a company wholly or mainly in Wales the company falls under the jurisdiction of the devolved Welsh Government
- The not-for-shareholder-dividend model allows the Group to invest profits to deleverage and to benefit customers
- Ownership model is aligned with the interests of both debt investors and customers

#### Benefits to our Investors

Stronger Position vs. Peers as we move to AMP7 Challenges

Without shareholders, Dŵr Cymru is in a stronger position to invest to meet the regulatory challenges of AMP7 than its peers

#### *Lower Balance-Sheet Leverage than Peers & Ample Gearing Headroom*

Welsh Water has significantly reduced leverage, where debt represented about 60.4% of the Group's RCV (at end of September 2020), (March 2020: 59.5%) compared to the peer average of c.80%. We have many refinancing options, balanced by more than ample gearing headroom, reflected in our strong credit ratings

#### Strong Commitment to Investment in Infrastructure

We plan to retain leverage at around 60% and invest in our assets and service – this will improve future operational performance and ensure the resilience of our assets

#### Benefits to our Customers

#### Growth in Social Tariffs

At 60.4% gearing, some of the additional funds generated can be returned to customers to help those who genuinely struggle to pay their water and sewerage bills. Just over 130,000 of our customers are now receiving assistance through Social Tariffs (and continuing to grow)

#### Constant Improvement in Customer Experience

The money received from customers is reinvested to maintain and improve our assets and services, in line with our commitment to customers in our Welsh Water 2050 strategy

#### Protecting and Sustaining the Environment

Money received through bills helps to improve sewerage services and protect the environment, not just now, but for years to come



# Impressive Financial Discipline

Conservative group leverage target (around 60%)







(£m)	30 Sep 2020	31 Mar 2020	30 Sep 2019	31 Mar 2019
Regulatory Capital Value	5,973	5,906	5,821	5,671
Net debt	(3,607)	(3,528)	(3,410)*	(3,327)
Financial reserves	2,366	2,378	2,411	2,344
Gearing	60%	60%	59%	59%



#### **Interest Cover Ratio & Liquidity Position**

- Interest Cover Ratio (ICR) of 3.5x as at 31 March 2020 (versus trigger level of <2.0x)</li>
- Strong liquidity position of £714m\* as at 30 September 2020. Prudent investment policy for surplus cash continues with short deposit maturities and focus on bank credit ratings
   \*Excluding debt service reserves of £48m as at 30 September 2020

# Covid-19 and Brexit Challenges



#### Slight underperformance year-to-date due to the impact of Covid-19

- Revenues in the six months to 30 Sept-20 were £12 million lower than last year, principally as a result of reduced overall water usage during lockdown in spring/early summer plus the temporary suspension of standing charges for business customers deemed non-essential
- Operating costs of £153 million were £5 million lower than the same period last year reflecting savings as a result of a move to homeworking for employees, along with a lower underlying bad debt charge
- Exceptional costs of £17 million were related directly to Covid-19 and comprise of:
  - Additional bad debt charges (£7 million), personal protective equipment (£6 million), deep cleaning (£1 million) and an additional levy from National Grid following a drop in national demand (£2 million).
- For the six months to 30 Sept 2020 the Group's total bad debt charge was £13 million

#### Well prepared for challenges arising from Brexit

- Further funding from the European Investment Bank is expected to cease going forward
- Strong credit ratings and low gearing enables us to access the bond markets for future funding, as needed
- Essential pipe materials and chemicals are sourced from EU suppliers. Through Water UK, we have participated in UK-wide initiatives in coordination with the UK government (through its "Project Defend" initiative) to ensure that any disruption as a result of the new relationship is minimised.

#### **Resilient performance despite headwinds**



# Strong Customer Service Performance

- New measures of customer service introduced by Ofwat for PR19. From 1 April 2020, the primary customer satisfaction measure is C-MeX
- C-MeX is a single score combining two Ofwat surveys:
  - I. Customer Experience Survey a customer satisfaction survey from a random sample of each water company's customers; and
  - II. Customer Service Survey a customer satisfaction survey amongst a random sample of those customers who have contacted their water company
- Water companies are now ranked annually based on quarterly scores
- Performance payments: up to 6% of residential retail revenues are awarded annually for companies that are above the 'industry average' score. Welsh Water can therefore earn up to £3 million if we out-perform this average. A further incentive of up to 6% (£3 million equivalent for Welsh Water) is also awarded to the top 3 companies based on a combination of complaints-performance and C-MeX ranking at the end of the financial year

2020/21 Overall C-MeX Score					
	Q1	Q2	Q2 YTD	Q3	Q3 YTD
Company Score	85.20	83.43	84.38	86.07	84.95
Industry Average	82.82	80.18	81.53	81.93	81.65
Ranking	5th	4th	4th	2nd	4th

### A top quartile YTD performance for C-MeX

# Long-term Approach to Sustainability & Environment

- Significant investment in renewable technology across the estate, including major investments in treatment works at Five Fords (Wrexham), Cardiff East and Cog Moors (Vale of Glamorgan) to install advanced anaerobic digestion facilities. The Group has committed to buying-in energy through green sources only – resulting in a carbon footprint reduction of nearly 80% since 2010
- Increased self-generation capacity for clean energy since 2015 (hydro, wind power, solar photovoltaics, anaerobic digestion facilities) generation powers the equivalent of 36,000 homes. Five locations have installed solar "farms"
- 2035 target that renewable energy will supply 35% of the energy needed to provide services to our customers. Additional £21 million of investment in energy efficiency/renewable energy planned to meet this target by 2035\*
- £3 million of energy efficiency and renewable generation investment during 2019-20, Reduced grid imports by ~5.4GWh per year. £37.2 million invested during AMP6, grid energy usage reduced by 54.8GWh per year



Five Fords Wastewater Treatment Works & Energy Park

Advanced Digestion Installation at Cardiff Wastewater Treatment Works Wind turbines installed at both Nash & Swansea Wastewater Treatment Works

#### Demonstrates strong sustainability and environmental credentials



# Experienced Management Team

#### Welsh Water boasts a strong and well-experienced management team



#### Alastair Lyons CBE

Joined the board as a Non-Executive Director in May 2016 before becoming Chairman in July 2016
Following an extensive executive career in financial services, Alastair has over 20 years' experience as a Non-Executive Chairman of both listed and private companies including at Admiral Group, Towergate Insurance, and Serco, and as Deputy Chairman of Bovis Homes and as Senior Independent Director at Phoenix, the life assurance consolidator. Alastair is currently Non-Executive Chairman of the Harworth Group plc, Vitality UK, AECS – the Admiral Group's European Holding company and the Eaton House Schools Group.



#### Peter Perry

 Appointed Operations Director in July 2006, Peter has a civil engineering background and was formerly the COO for United Utilities Operational Services (UUOS), having previously been the Operations Director for UUOS with responsibility for the operational contract with Welsh Water and UUOS's water interests in Scotland and Ireland. Prior to UUOS he had worked for Welsh Water for over 20 years. Pete is Chair of Business in the Community Cymru and a Member of the Water UK Board.

Chief Executive Officer – since April 2020, Formerly Managing Director – from October 2017

#### Mike Davis

Chief Financial Officer – in post since January 2020

 Mike previously held the positions of Director of Strategy and Regulation and Financial Controller at Welsh Water, with a focus on regulatory price reviews and competition. He has previous experience in the Media, ICT and Mining industries including as Finance Director for two private equity start-up businesses. Mike has been a Non-Executive Director at RCT Homes, a registered social landlord, and a Director of UK Water Industry Research.



#### Graham Edwards

Senior Independent Director - in post since October 2013. SID since July 2020

 Graham is currently Chief Executive Officer of Wales & West Utilities. He has significant senior management experience in the utility sector running electricity and water businesses with South Wales Electricity, Hyder and Thames Water. Prior to utilities he held senior positions across a range of manufacturing businesses, including engineering, production and HR. Graham is also a Non-Executive Director of The University of South Wales.

#### **Non-Executive Directors**



Debra Bowen-Rees

■ Prof. Tom Crick MBE

Jane Hanson











# 3) Financing & Liquidity

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Location: Alwen Water Treatment Works

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### Group Cashflow and Net Debt

Period ended (£m)	Sep 2020	Mar 2020	Mar 2019
Revenue: RPI(3.2%) + K(-0.5%) + WRFIM*(-1.9%) = 0.8%	386	779	782
Operational expenditure (inc. COVID exceptional items)	(170)	(336)	(336)
EBITDA (before IRE)	216	443	446
Net interest payable (inc. indexation, excl. capitalisation)	(74)	(173)	(180)
Capital expenditure (net of grants & contributions)**	(187)	(456)	(452)
Net working capital movements	(31)	(15)	(12)
Increase in net debt	(81)	(200)	(198)

\* Wholesale revenue incentive forecasting incentive mechanism \*\*Includes atypical costs of £3 million (severe weather costs) and £5 million (COVID-19 costs)

### Stable business with a substantial regulated capital programme

### **Stringent Investor Protections**



- Comprehensive protections provided to investors through the Whole Business Securitisation ("WBS") structure
- Tightened by amendment to the Gearing Trigger Event covenant to 85% (from 90%)
- ICR of 3.5x and Gearing of 60% as at 30 September 2020



Significant headroom over trigger event default levels

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### **Debt Maturity Profile**

 Welsh Water's strong financial discipline enables the Group to access public debt markets to take advantage of optimal market conditions



Prudent approach to meeting funding requirements in AMP7



#### Liquidity as at 30 September 2020 £714m

Cash £534m
Revolving Credit Facilities (undrawn) £180m

- Prudent investment policy for surplus cash continues with deposit maturities limited to maximum of one month and focus on strong bank credit ratings.
- £325m B1 bond maturity on 31 March 2021
- 4 revolving credit facilities ("RCFs") were renewed throughout 2020 as they fell due - for a further 2 years with a 1 year extension options.
- At 30 September, 2 RCFs had been renewed and the facility size increased to £180m (from £170m). The remaining RCFs were renewed by end of November and the facility size was further increased to £200m total.

# Strong liquidity position of £714m\* at 30 September 2020 – financing needs met out to 2024/25

\*Excluding debt service reserves of £48 million



Location: Elan Valley

### Welsh Water's Key Investment Highlights





Not-for-shareholder dividend business model



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**Strong customer service performance** 



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### **Indicative Term Sheet**



- Dŵr Cymru (Financing) UK plc's financing documents employ a different naming system than other WBS issuers in the water sector
  - o Class A refers to senior bonds which benefit from a guarantee from a monoline insurance company
  - Class B refers to senior bonds without a guarantee from a monoline guarantee
  - o Class C bonds are subordinated to Class A and Class B

	Junior Bonds (Class C)		
lssuer	Dŵr Cymru (Financing) UK plc		
Format	RegS, Secured, Bearer Bonds Subordinated Obligations of the Issuer and are subordinated to the Class A Bonds and Class B Bonds		
Expected Ratings (Moody's / S&P / Fitch)	Baa2 (stable) / BBB (stable) / BBB+ (stable)		
Currency	GBP		
Size	Benchmark		
Maturity	13 year		
Optional Redemption	Spens Clause		
Use of Proceeds	General corporate purposes		
Minimum Denominations	£100,000 + £1,000		
Listing	Luxembourg Stock Exchange		
Governing Law	English		
Documentation	£4bn Base Prospectus dated 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021		
Joint Active Bookrunners	Barclays (B&D), BNP Paribas, Natwest Markets		

# 5) Appendices

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### Final Determination – Outcome for the Business

- Ofwat has set a tough Determination for the sector
- Despite this, the Board decided not to appeal to the Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA")
- The Final Determination differs from the August 2019 business plan ("BP") as follows:

Key Features	August 2019 BP	Final Determination	
Revenues	£3.721bn	£3.730bn	
BOTEX*	£2.509bn	£2.493bn	
Enhancement expenditure	£0.755bn	£0.584bn	
RCV	CV Opening: £5.685bn Closing: £6.083bn		

\*Base Operating Total Expenditure including household retail

A tough but financeable Final Determination



### AMP7 cost of capital and Ofwat building blocks

Final Determination				
Total equity market return	8.63%			
Risk-free rate	0.58%			
Equity risk premium	8.05%			
Gearing (Net Debt/RCV)	60%			
Asset beta	0.36			
Equity beta	0.71			
Cost of equity	6.27%			
Ratio of new to embedded debt	20:80			
Cost of new debt	2.54%			
Cost of embedded debt	4.47%			
Issuance and liquidity costs	0.10%			
Overall cost of debt	4.18%			
Appointee WACC	5.02%			
Deduction for retail amrgin	0.04%			
Wholesale WACC (nominal)	4.98%			

#### Source: Ofwat



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### **Debt Characteristics**

Fixed	Index-linked	Floating	Total	
-	380	31	411	10%
625	2,366	-	2,991	73%
-	252	444	696	17%
-	-	-	-	-
625	2,998	475	4,098	100%
192	-	(192)	-	
-	45	(45)	-	
582	-	(582)	-	
1,399	3,043	(344)	4,098	
34.1%	74.3%	-8.4%	100%	
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Notes

\*Net debt using free cash balances at DCWW level only (i.e. excludes £11m held at Glas Cymru Holdings level)

Net debt above does not include non-cash items (e.g. IFRS provisions) which contribute towards the net debt figure published in our investor reports



### Fair Market Value Movements on Swaps

Derivatives as at (£m)	30 Sep 2020	31 Mar 2020	Movement
Floating to fixed rate interest rate swaps	(102)	(99)	(3)
Index-linked swaps	(408)	(374)	(34)
Energy Swaps	7	(2)	9
Total MTM	(503)	(475)	(28)

#### Notes:

- 1. Swap contracts are with BNP Paribas, HSBC, Lloyds and NatWest Markets
- 2. None of the swap contracts have break clauses or accretion paydowns
- 3. In addition to the MTM values above, there is an additional liability for cumulative indexation of £54m (Mar 2020: £45m) relating to the A1, A6, B8 & C3 bond swaps

### **Covenant Package**



Normal business	Trigger event step-in period	Default standstill period	Special administration
Operating within covenant package	One or more financial or operational 'trigger' covenants breached	One or more events of default occur and continue	
No creditor involvement	No customer dividends	Majority of secured claims frozen	Regulator applies to court to appoint a Special Administrative Receiver (SAR) to run business
	Option to commission independent review	18 month opportunity to remedy situation or find a buyer for Welsh Water	SAR acts in interest of creditors and customers
		Liquidity facilities keep senior debt whole	
		Security over shares of Welsh Water and holding Group can be enforced	

#### **Financial covenants:**

- Senior ICR: <2.0
- Senior PMIC: <1.0
- Gearing Ratio: >85%
- Senior ICR: <1.6
- Senior PMIC: N/A
- Gearing Ratio: >95%